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In re Application of: Mueller et al.

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) Attorney Docket No: 00-106
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
 DYNAMIC RULE AND/OR OFFER
 GENERATION

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**PETITION TO REQUEST ACCEPTANCE
 OF FILING DATE**

Dear Examiner:

In response to receipt of the Notice of Incomplete Non-Provisional Application entry of this petition, Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" are hereby respectfully requested.

On November 14, 2001 Applicants filed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/993,228 with the USPTO. Please find enclosed the following documentation for your consideration:

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- Exhibit "A", copy of Return Receipt Postcard stamped by USPTO, indicating receipt of the patent Application consisting of 99 pp., which comprises of Specifications 97 pp., Claims 2 pp., and Abstract 1 pg., and Formal Drawings (21 sheets: Figs. 1-20); and
- Exhibit "B", copy of Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Large Entity) Authorizing the Commissioner to charge filing fees and any additional filing fees as required to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. (2 copies provided)

Enclosed please find a copy of the Specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, and 35 U.S.C. 112 as required, with claims and 1 page of Abstract.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request a determination that the filing date of November 14, 2001 be accorded to the above-identified application.

As indicated by the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, (Exhibit "B"), the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the basic filing fee of \$740.00 in addition to \$168.00 (Claims' fees) and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Order number 00-106.

However, upon review and reformatting of the application, Applicants have found that there was an error in the number of claims indicated by the Utility Patent Application Transmittal for calculation of the claims' fees. There were 8 claims filed in total, 6 of which are independent. Accordingly, the Assistant Commissioner is further authorized to charge \$102.00 (\$18.00 per claim, and 84.00 per independent claim), as well as any additional fees that may be required for the submission of this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Additionally, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this submission timely, and charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for such purposes.

Upon USPTO's finding that the application is entitled to the filing date of November 14, 2001, Applicants respectfully request a refund of the petition fee. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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